

District Court Judge

Kevin G. Miller, First Judicial District



DATE OF BIRTH: September 17, 1962
PLACE OF BIRTH: Wheatland, Wyoming
NAME OF SPOUSE: Janette
CHILDREN: Ellis (8), Alec (4)
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 36 years
Ketchikan 1966 to present

EDUCATION:
Ketchikan High School, 1976-1980; Gonzaga University, 1980-1984, B.A.; McGeorge School of Law, 1985-1988, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
District Court Judge (Ketchikan), 1999-present.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Private law practice, 1988-1999.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Ketchikan and Alaska Bar Associations.

STATEMENT:

I have had the privilege of serving the people of Alaska as a District Court Judge for the past three years.

Judges have a duty as part of an independent branch of government to inspire confidence in our judicial system. I am committed to inspiring this confidence by treating every person with respect and courtesy, providing them a fair and impartial opportunity to be heard, and making a decision based on each case's unique facts and the law.

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Kevin G. Miller, District Court, Ketchikan

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Miller to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote **Yes** to retain him as a district court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Miller on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Miller 4.3 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.5) in the categories of conduct free from impropriety, courtesy, controls courtroom, and settlement skills. He scored 4.0 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.1	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.3	4.8	4.8	5.0
Integrity	4.4	4.8	---	5.0
Temperament	4.4	4.8	4.8	5.0
Diligence	4.3	4.6	---	4.9
Special Skills	4.5	4.7	---	---
Overall	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.9

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent

4.0 = Good

3.0 = Acceptable

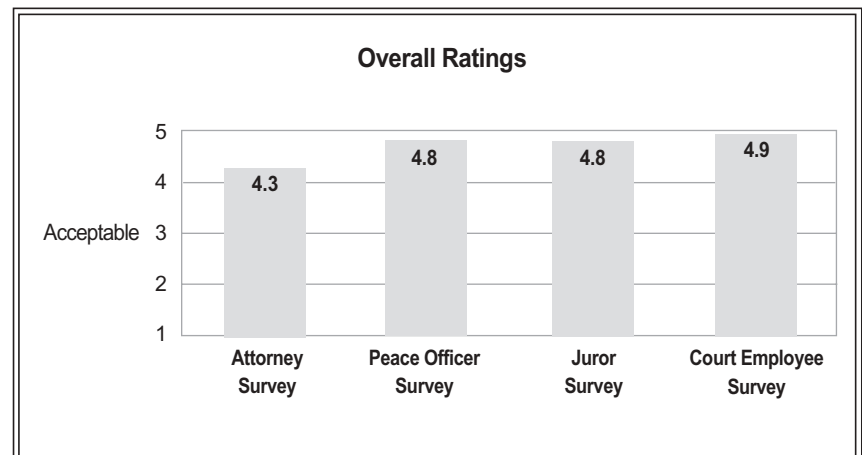
2.0 = Deficient

1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Miller on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Miller 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.9) in the categories of courtesy and understanding and compassion. He scored 4.6 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Miller in 2000 and 2001 rated him 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.9 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote YES to retain Judge Miller

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